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## WORLD NEWS

### FILIPINO FLIP



Protesters burn a mock U.S. flag as they display a mock aircraft carrier with toy planes on it during a rally Thursday, April 23, 2009 in front of the Philippine Senate in suburban Pasay City, south of Manila. The protesters called for the abrogation of the Visiting Forces Agreement between the Philippines and the United States which they claimed serves only U.S. interest in the country and the region. See INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## SPORTS NEWS

### NBA PLAYOFFS



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) shoots a three-point basket over Atlanta Hawks' Joe Johnson in the fourth quarter of Game 2 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball playoff series on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in Atlanta. Wade had 33 points to help the heat to a 108-93 win.

See Sports Today



**Price of a barrel of petroleum today:**

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## Amazing Ground breaking for elderly



**SAN NICOLAS** - It was a dream come true for the people of San Nicolas and in 2004 when the budget was approved by Aruba's parliament things started moving. The newly modernize home for our elderly funded by the government is a reality and now the ground breaking took place things are moving.

It's not just a home, but also a centre for the elderly to spend the day and can go home in the evening, it can accommodate 60 beds, and also 20 beds for the disabled young ones.

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## ATCA delegates enjoy a spectacular reveal



Palm Beach – Aruba's newest resort, Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach flaunted its just completed looks this week, as delegates of the Annual Tourism Conference, ATCA 2009, experienced the property for their glamorous farewell affair.

Divi recently completed the expansion project at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach that more than doubled the capacity of the resort. In total 140



new suites were added, reports General Manager Astrid Muller. As seen in our pictures the expansion also included a new Caribbean restaurant, Pure Beach, new spectacular pools and gorgeous grounds, anchoring four new residential beachside towers to create a stunning skyline for the Phoenix Beach property, on famous Palm Beach.

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## Seafood as you've not had before

# Fresh Oysters arrive at Moby Dick's today, a glass of Champagne for Oyster lovers

PASEO HERENCIA For a great and unique lunch experience, you definitely have to go to Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant.

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pan frying, or deep frying will also be able to indulge.

The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers up a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be

standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, homemade soups, and much more. The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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# The Clown Doctors of Aruba hit the jackpot with Alhambra Casino



ORANJESTAD - Alhambra Casino, the friendliest casino on the Island celebrating its 25th anniversary made a generous donation to the Clown Doctors of Aruba last week. Alhambra considers this foundation to deserve this donation because of the work they are doing trying to put a smile on a face of many children even when they are feeling sad due to illnesses.

In the '60s there was a man called Patch Adams who was an intern in an American hospital. He found that patients got well sooner when there was a bit of humor. Although the hospital director thought that this man was mad, he continued his work and he was proven right in the end. His study results were so striking that he got support from nurses, doctors and professors. The man, Patch Adams, became a doctor himself and he founded a very successful hospital.

Nowadays there are countless organizations following his philosophy. One of these organizations is the Clown Doctors Aruba Foundation, which was founded on November 21, 2000 by Peter Ballière.

The organization's goal is to reach a large audience, not only at the local hospital, but also at institutions for

physically and mentally challenged children and also at the home for the elderly.

Through distracting the hospitalized children and by eliminating part of their anxiety, stress and fears, the clowns bring about a change of attitude, which is beneficial for the children's well-being and healing processes.

The Clown Doctors do not receive any financial assistance from the government, yet the foundation wishes to guarantee continuity and improvement of the quality of life for the sick and elderly. Tears change into laughs, and many local businesses and private persons recognize the value of that and they donate money to help the Clown Doctors.

For all of you who have helped us in the past, and who are helping us now to continue our work: thank you very, very much.

Picture: Hilde Eelens (Clown Doctor Purunchi) and Alhambra Casino Slot Manager- Ricky Schlachter



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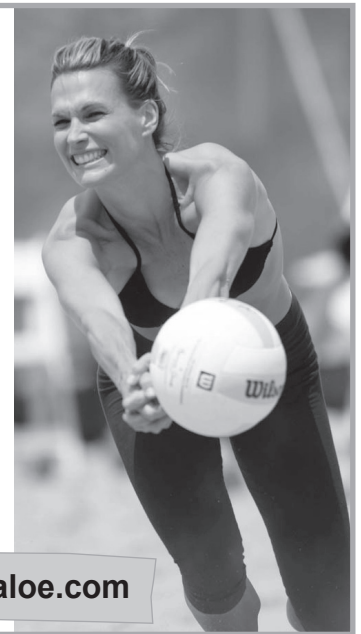
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## Richard & Anita Massini honored at the Divi Divi Beach Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Divi Beach vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten

and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded

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Richard & Anita Massini were honored as distinguished visitors for the Island of Aruba. Anita commented that every year when they are on vacations in Aruba they visit their friend David at the Gemani Jewelers.

On picture Ricardo & Carlos from ATA together with Richard & Anita and also Francis & Staff from the Divi Resort



Located at Bobby's Marina, Sint Maarten

# A brand new Aruba Aloe store opened its doors



After many months of preparation, Aruba Aloe opened its brand new store in Sint Maarten this week. Located just outside the Cruise ship terminal at Bobby's Marina, the store offers a variety of Body, Sun and Hair Care products made with 100% pure Aruba Aloe Vera.

Joanne Croes, Retail manager of Aruba Aloe, is very proud of the new store: "This is Aruba Aloe's first retail store outside of Aruba and we are convinced that the people of Sint Maarten will love our products as much as we do. Our store offers a variety of products, from sunscreens to

All our products are made with 100% pure Aruba Aloe and believe me, your skin will notice the difference."

Aloe Vera is a very powerful skin moisturizer; it soothes and softens the skin and helps the natural healing process of damaged skin. Regular use helps to prevent wrinkles and so helps to provide and maintain a smooth and healthy skin. Great to know after a long day in the sun: Aloe Vera helps to alleviate and heal the itching and redness of the skin caused by skin burns & sunburn!



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While the brand is growing around the world, Louis Posner, managing director of Aruba Aloe



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Meeting and greeting the ATCA delegates, most of them travel executives from North America, Divi Phoenix General Manager

Astrid Muller, the Managing Director of all Divi properties on Aruba Alex Nieuwmeyer, Divi Village General Manager



Gerrit Griffith, Mega Divi & Tamarijn General Manager Marin Bijl, and Island Marketing & Promotion Manager for Divi Resort, Tabitha Fecunda. Popular local band Tsunami entertained from its perch overhead, spilling music and dazzling lights above relaxed lounge-style seating with stay-forever furniture over white sand, with bellowing curtains waving in the breeze.

Smooth cocktails and a delicious stylized buffet made Pure Beach, Aruba's newest beach club, a place worthy of praise, a great addition to Divi Phoenix Beach Resort's many existing treasures. Pictured here party scenes, as busy ATCA delegates conclude their business session on the island with great tropical fun. The party was also attended by local tourism executives and the officials of the Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, and the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, AHATA.





## SITE Sets a Course to Paradise! Aruba to Host Society of Incentive and Travel Executives' 2009 International Conference

ORANJESTAD - Aruba is thrilled to announce that the Society of Incentive Travel Executives (SITE) has selected the island paradise as the host country for the 2009 International Conference, set for December 3-6. The event will bring together the top minds in incentive travel, a multi-billion dollar global industry, to one of the Caribbean's most celebrated destinations. Aruba promises to be the "host with the most" as it welcomes hundreds of delegates from around the world for three days of educational sessions, vendor showcases, roundtables, networking events, gala dinners and much more. The 2009 International Conference will be held at the two official host hotels, The Westin Aruba Resort and the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa.

Securing this significant conference comes at a perfect time for the destination as Aruba is enjoying increased interest from around the globe. Not only has the island recently undergone over \$350 million in upgrades, expansions and renovations across all aspects of the tourism sector, but arrivals from the U.S. in 2007 were also up 3.27% over the previous year. While worldwide arrivals also saw a remarkable increase with an extraordinary 8.56% spike over 2006, with 753,816 visitors from around the world making Aruba their destination of choice in 2007.

"SITE's membership is rich with innovators who greatly influence not only the evolution of the incentive industry, but also the business outcomes of client organizations," said SITE President Padraic Gilligan. "The SITE International Conference is a superlative forum where professionals from around the world gather to share insights that help them achieve professional goals, surpass client expectations, and have a meaningful and positive impact on economies of destination cities around the world."

"We were thrilled to hear of SITE's decision to make Aruba its host location for the 2009 International Conference," said Minister of Tourism and Transportation, Edison Briesen. "The incentive travel industry is an important one for our island and we are looking forward to showcasing the many things that sets Aruba apart from the rest of the Caribbean region throughout the conference. We are confident that SITE's commitment to bringing together the most influential minds in this field, coupled with Aruba's dedication

to delivering an unmatched travel experience to all our guests, is a recipe for success."

These principals of community, leadership and growth guide SITE's vision — as well as its commitment to selecting distinct locales for its own events. Aruba, situated in the southern Caribbean, is a tropical paradise that enjoys year-round



near perfect weather, less than 20 inches of rainfall annually, extraordinary hotels and resorts, over 200 incredible international restaurants, and an extremely rich heritage. Arubans, renowned for their warmth and hospitality and known as the friendliest in the Caribbean region, proudly

showcase the island's cultural and environmental diversity, and are equally devoted to respecting and preserving the island's pristine marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

"Because Aruba is, without question, one of the top incentive travel destinations in

the Caribbean, it is fitting that SITE, the foremost professional association devoted to the incentive travel market, would choose our island as the host for its 2009 International Conference," said Myrna Jansen-Feliciano, managing director for the Aruba Tourism Authority.



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Should you wish to make reservations, please call Passions Restaurant at the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort at 527-1129 and start practicing singing Besame Mucho in the shower, please.

ORANJESTAD - The upcoming Besame Mucho dinner of the Friends of Arion promises to be fantastic. Held at Passions on the beach of the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort, this three-course dinner is held on Wednesday, April 29, the start of a long, relaxing weekend. The wines that are poured are by the Spanish house of Marqués de Cáceres and subtle touches of Spanish flavors will be swirling around all evening. Passions Restaurant and the Arion Wine Company have teamed up to make the evening really special. Will you be singing along with the song Besame Mucho? The menu of the evening has been carefully matched to the wines by Passions' Food & Beverage Manager Marc Giesvers and Arion's Govert van der Hout. The fun begins when tapas are served with a glass of chilled Rosado rosé during a toast to the sunset at 6.30 p.m. As everyone is seated a Salad of Marinated Asparagus and Grilled Tiger Prawns, Caramelized Bacon and Roasted Red Pepper Aioli will be enhanced by a glass of dry, young,



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# Italians enjoy Amazonia Churrascaria



PALM BEACH – Over 120 clients and guests of Baltur Tecnologie Per Il Clima, hailing from all over the Italian peninsula with manager Gianpaolo Ansaloni, took over Amazonia Churrascaria for just one night. The company, headquartered in Ferrara, manufactures high quality and high performance burners, boilers and air conditioning units and is currently vacationing on Aruba at the Holiday Inn escorted by Dimensione Turismo from Milan, with Amel Ganibardi and Marta Comunalazzi. Amazonia Churrascaria introduced the Italians to gaucho-style grilled meats which were surprisingly received by the visitors with voracious appetites and great appreciation. Pictured here the tremendous Brasiliano & Brasiliana specialita della casa feast, at Amazonia Churrascaria.



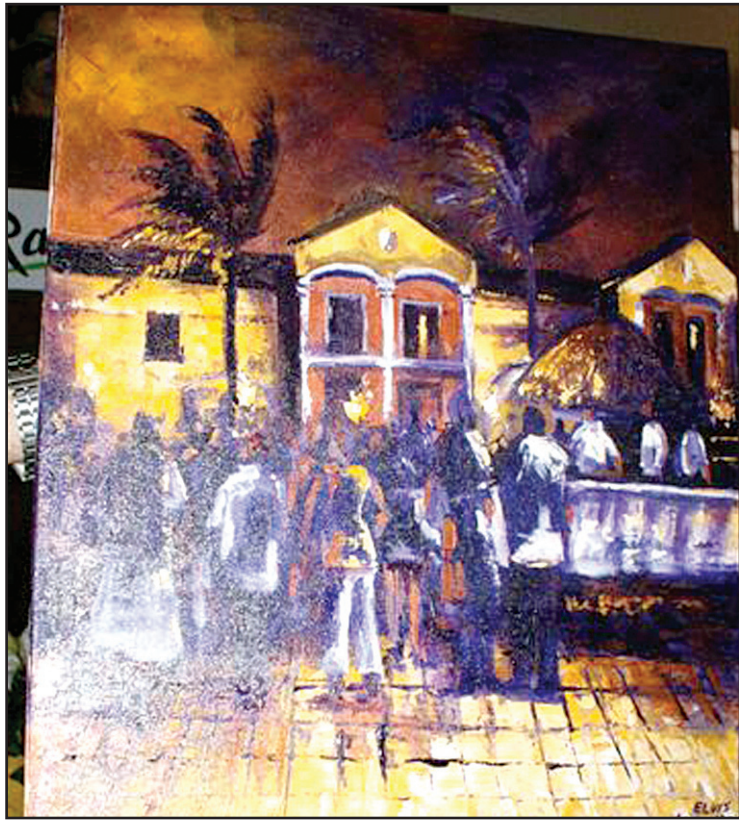
## Ryan and Eric tie the knot

EAGLE BEACH - Ryan Adam and Erica Demorest were united in marriage during a sunset ceremony on Eagle Beach, April 22, 2009. Both bride and groom are from Kutztown, Pennsylvania where they met at a fundraiser after Erica relocated from Connecticut. Ryan graduated from Kutztown High School and Muhlenberg College and now works as a computer analyst. Erica is a graduate of Old Saybrook High School, Connecticut and the University of Connecticut and now works as a financial analyst. They chose Aruba to be married since the recent Mrs. Adam has been vacationing here with her family since the age of five. They'll reside in Kutztown, Pennsylvania where they plan to begin their life together. The Wedding was coordinated by Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba and officiated by Andy Osbourne. Congratulations to the newlyweds from Aruba Today.





# ATCA promotes local art at Gold Coast



PALM BEACH – During the Bon Bini cocktail party at Gold Coast Residence, local artist Elvis Tromp was invited to create a live scene, an expressionistic tableau vivant, while the party was on pool side, in honor of the international delegates arriving on the island for the Aruba Tourism Conference, ATCA 2009.

Then during the ATCA general assembly at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, Gold Coast General Manager Ed Malone, assisted by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, AHATA, Director of Marketing Sanju Daryanani drew a winner from among the business cards collected earlier that morning.

Wayne Noseworthy, Director of Product Development for famed Thomas Cook, out of Toronto Canada won the canvas depicting a dramatic, torch illuminated party at Gold Coast Residence, surrounded by tropical landscape, in a Dutch-inspired architectural setting. Pictured here the artist, the work of art and the drawing, co-presented by the Director of Marketing for the Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, Fritz Israel.

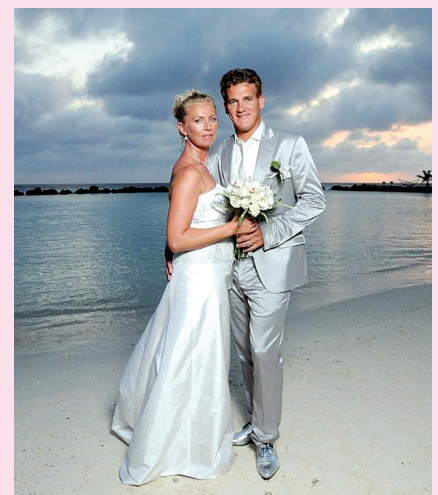


*At the Renaissance Private Island*

## Johannes & Margretha celebrate marriage on the private island



ORANJESTAD - On Sunday, April 19, 2009, Johannes and Margretha said I do on the Renaissance Private Island. Accompanied by 24 guests. There theme of the night was "all white wedding". Where they had an arch covered with all white roses and stargazer lilies. The set-up of the reception was also all white linen and seat covers and all of



their guests were also all in white. It was a double celebration as this was also the groom's birthday. Their wedding planner was Juney Jones of the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and the Photographer was Elnathan Hijmering. A special congrats goes out to them and best wishes as Husband & Wife. And also a happy birthday to the Groom on his wedding day...



# FDA to allow 'morning-after' pill for 17-year-olds

Women's groups cheered the government's decision to allow 17-year-olds to buy the "morning-after" emergency contraceptive without a doctor's prescription, but conservatives denounced it as a blow to parental supervision of teens.

The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday it would accept, not appeal, a federal judge's order that lifts Bush administration restrictions limiting over-the-counter sales of "Plan B" to women 18 and older. U.S. District Judge Edward Korman ruled last month in a lawsuit filed in New York that President George W. Bush's appointees let politics, not science, drive their decision to restrict over-the-counter access.

Women's groups said the FDA's action was long overdue, since the agency's own medical reviewers had initially recommended that the contraceptive be made available without any age restrictions.

Korman ordered the FDA to let 17-year-olds get the birth control pills. He also directed the agency to evaluate clinical data to determine whether all age restrictions should be lifted.

The FDA's latest action does not mean that Plan B will be immediately available to 17-year-olds. The manufacturer must first submit a request.

"It's a good indication that the agency will move expeditiously to ensure its policy on Plan B is based solely on science," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, which filed the lawsuit.

Conservatives said politics drove the decision.

"Parents should be furious at the FDA's complete disregard of parental rights and the safety of minors," said Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America.

Plan B is emergency contraception that contains a high dose of birth control drugs and will not interfere with an established pregnancy. It works by preventing ovulation or fertilization. In medical terms, pregnancy begins when a fertilized egg attaches itself to the wall of the uterus.

If taken within 72 hours of

unprotected sex, it can reduce a woman's chances of pregnancy by as much as 89 percent.

Critics of the contraceptive say Plan B is the equivalent of an abortion pill because it can prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus. Recent research suggests that's possible but not likely.

The battle over access to Plan B has dragged on for the better part of a decade, through the terms of three FDA commissioners. Among many

in the medical community, it came to symbolize the decline of science at the agency because top FDA managers refused to go along with the recommendations of scientific staff and outside advisers that the drug be made available with no age restrictions.

"The FDA got caught up in a saga, it got caught up in a drama," said Susan Wood, who served as the agency's top women's health official and resigned in 2005 over delays in

issuing a decision. "This issue served as a clear example of the agency being taken off track, and it highlighted the problems FDA was facing in many other areas."

The treatment consists of two pills and sells for \$35 to \$60. Women must ask for Plan B at the pharmacy counter and show identification with their date of birth. The drug is made by a subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, an Israeli company. It does not

prevent sexually transmitted infections, such as HIV/AIDS. Supporters of broader access argued that Plan B is safe and effective in preventing unwanted pregnancy and could help reduce the number of abortions.

Opponents, including prominent conservatives, counter that it would encourage promiscuity and might even become a tool for criminals running prostitution rings, as well as for sexual predators.

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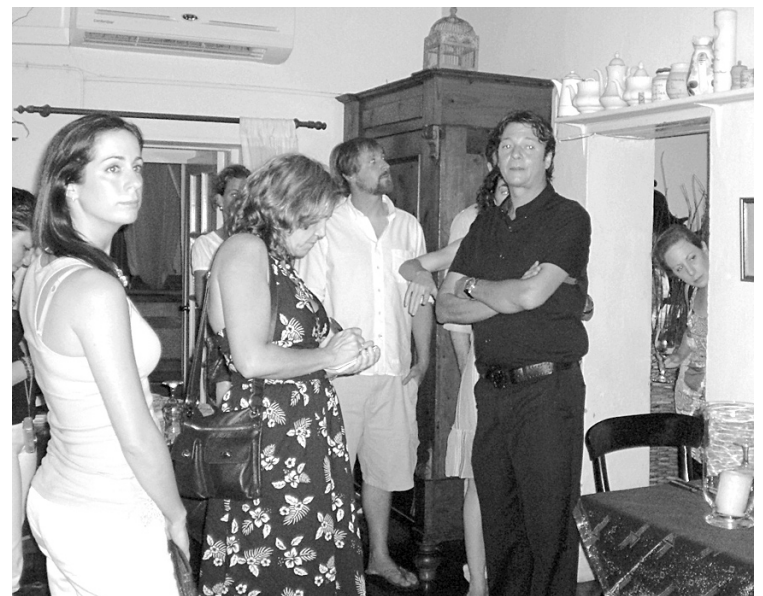
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popular Papiamento restaurant, where they were treated, by the owner, Eduard Ellis, to an extensive tour of this traditional house and exquisite wine tasting in the restaurant's wine cellar. On Tuesday, the group strapped up their gear and got ready to learn some kite boarding.

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For lunch, the press enjoyed a great meal after an exciting morning at Moomba Beach restaurant.

On Wednesday night, a farewell dinner was organized at Marriott's beachfront restaurant Simply Fish. It marked the end of a successful press trip. The Aruba Marriott would like to thank Papiamento restaurant, kite

boarding center Dare 2 Fly and Moomba Beach restaurant for their cooperation and hospitality with this press trip.

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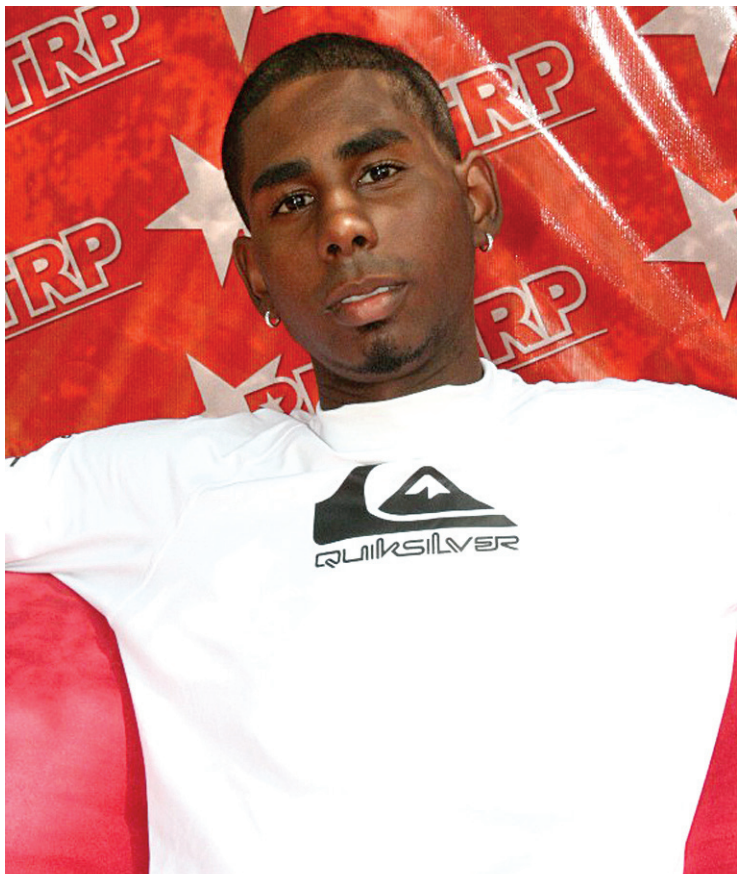
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In this photo taken Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, Iraqi women arrive at the cemetery to visit their relative's grave in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq. Iraq's government has recorded 87,215 of its citizens killed since 2005 in violence that ranges from catastrophic bombings to execution-style killings, according to secret government statistics obtained by The Associated Press that reveal one of Iraq's most closely guarded secrets.

Associated Press

## AP IMPACT: Secret tally has 87,215 Iraqis dead

KIM GAMEL

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's government has recorded 87,215 of its citizens killed since 2005 in violence ranging from catastrophic bombings to execution-style slayings, according to government statistics obtained by The Associated Press that break open one of the most closely guarded secrets of the war.

Combined with tallies based on hospital sources and media reports since the beginning of the war and an in-depth review of available evidence by The Associated Press, the figures show that more than 110,600 Iraqis have died in violence since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

The number is a minimum count of violent deaths. The official who provided the data to the AP, on condition of anonymity because of its sensitivity, estimated the actual number of deaths at 10 to 20 percent higher because of thousands who are still missing and civilians who were buried in the chaos of war without official records.

The Health Ministry has tallied death certificates since 2005, and late that year the United Nations began using them — along with hospital and morgue figures — to publicly release casualty counts. But by early 2007, when sectarian violence was putting political pressure on the U.S. and Iraqi governments, the Iraqi numbers disappeared. The United Nations "repeatedly asked for that cooperation" to resume but never received a response, U.N. associate spokesman Farhan Haq said Thursday.

The data obtained by the AP measure only violent deaths — people killed in attacks such as the shootings, bombings, mortar attacks and beheadings that have ravaged Iraq. It excluded indirect factors such as damage to infrastructure, health care and stress that caused thousands more to die. Authoritative statistics for 2003 and 2004 do not exist. But Iraq Body Count, a private, British-based group, has tallied civilian deaths from media reports and other sources since the war's start.

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## Obama pledges protections for credit-card consumers



President Barack Obama gestures to a member of the press corps as they are escorted out of the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, April 23, 2009 after he made remarks with representatives of the credit card industry. At left is Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, at right is Senior Adviser Valerie

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Thursday he is determined to get a credit-card law that eliminates the tricky fine print, sudden rate increases and late fees that give millions of consumers headaches.

"I trust that those in the industry

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who want to act responsibly will engage with us in a constructive fashion, and that we're going to get this done in short order," Obama said, delivering a pointed message to leading executives of credit-card issuing companies after a closed-door White House meeting.

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## Filipino court overturns U.S. Marine rape conviction

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A Philippine court has overturned the rape conviction of a U.S. Marine whose case became a rallying point for activists demanding American forces leave the country.

Protesters said the decision Thursday underscored their government's subservience to an old colonial master.

Three years ago, Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison for raping a Filipino woman after a night of drinking. The emotional case soon turned into a political tug-of-war between the government — keen on maintaining smooth relations with its key ally — and nationalist, left-wing and women's rights activists eager to showcase that the Philippines can do without U.S. protection.

Just hours after the Philippine Appeals Court overturned Smith's 2006 conviction, more than two dozen activists marched to the U.S. Embassy in Manila but were stopped by riot police. They peacefully dispersed after the hourlong protest.

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# Holder won't selectively release terror memos



Attorney General Eric Holder testifies before the House Appropriations Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, April 23, 2009.  
Associated Press

By DEVLIN BARRETT  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress on Thursday he won't play "hide and seek" with secret memos about harsh interrogations of terror suspects and their effectiveness. In testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, Holder said he's willing to release as much information as possible about the interrogations.

Several members of the committee pressed him about the Justice Department's release last week of four long-secret legal memos detailing the harsh techniques used on some detainees during the Bush administration. "It is certainly the intention of this administration not to play hide and seek, or not to release certain things," said Holder. "It is not our intention to try to advance a political agenda or to try to hide things from the American people." Republicans — including former Vice President Dick Cheney — have urged the Obama administration to release other, still-secret documents detailing what intelligence was gained from the controversial interrogation techniques. "I think you have an

obligation to release the rest of the memos," said Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va. Holder said he wasn't sure exactly which memos Cheney is referring to, because he hasn't seen them. The attorney general suggested such classified documents may exist at other agencies. "I'm the attorney general and I don't control many of the memos you might be talking about," said Holder. When the Obama administration released the memos last week, the president declared no CIA operatives who followed the memos' instructions would be prosecuted. The administration has not offered the same assurances to the memo authors or the Bush officials who oversaw the program.

Congressional Democrats have expressed a strong desire to conduct their own investigation of those officials. At Thursday's hearing, members of both parties asked Holder if he plans to seek charges against those officials. "I will not permit the criminalization of policy differences. However, it is my responsibility as attorney general to enforce the law. It is my duty to enforce the law. If I see evidence of wrongdoing I will pursue it to the full extent of the law," Holder said. Officials are still awaiting the results of an internal Justice Department investigation into the actions of the memo-writers.

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# AP Poll: After Obama's 100 days, U.S. on right track

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Millions of people jobless. Billions of dollars in bailouts. Trillions of dollars in U.S. debt. And yet, for the first time in years, more Americans than not say the country is on the right track.

In a sign that Barack Obama has inspired hopes for a brighter future in the first 100 days of his presidency, an Associated Press-GfK poll shows that 48 percent of Americans believe the United States is headed in the right direction — compared with 44 percent who disagree.

The “right direction” number is up 8 points since February and a remarkable 31 points since October, the month before Obama's election.

Intensely worried about their personal finances and medical expenses, Americans nonetheless appear realistic about the time Obama might need to turn things around, according to the AP-GfK poll. It shows, as Obama approaches his 100th day in office next Wednesday, most people consider their new president to be a strong, ethical and empathetic leader who is working to change Washington.

“He presents a very positive outlook,” said Cheryl Wetherington, 35, an independent voter who runs a chocolate shop in Gardner, Kan. “He's very well-spoken and very vocal about what direction should be taken.”

Nobody knows how long the honeymoon will last, but Obama has clearly transformed the yes-we-can spirit of his candidacy into a tool of governance. His ability to inspire confidence — Obama's second book is titled “The Audacity of Hope” — has thus far buffered the president against the harsh realities of two wars, a global economic meltdown and countless domestic challenges.

Even if they don't always like what he's doing, Americans seem content for now that the president is taking action to correct the nation's course. He's doing something, anything, and that's better than nothing.

“Some steps have been taken, and I can't say that they're the right ones, but steps have been taken,” said Dwight Hageman, 66, a retired welder from Newberg, Ore., who voted against Obama. Other AP-GfK findings could signal trouble for Obama:

—While there is evidence that people feel more optimistic

about the economy, 65 percent said it's difficult for them and their families to get ahead. More than one-third know of a family member who recently lost a job.

—More than 90 percent of Americans consider the economy an important issue, the highest ever in AP polling.

—Nearly 80 percent believe that the rising federal debt will hurt future generations, and Obama is getting mixed reviews at best for his handling of the issue.

And yet, this is the first time since January 2004 that an AP survey found more “right direction” than “wrong direction” respondents. That fleeting 2004 burst of optimism came shortly after the capture of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

In recent years, the U.S. public has tended to be more pessimistic than optimistic about the nation's future. The exceptions lasted just a few months: the start of the Iraq war, the Sept. 11 attacks and late in the Clinton administration.

Obama is not the first president who has sought to shape the nation's psychology, tapping the deep well of American optimism to effect policy and politics.

Even as he briefly closed the nation's banks, Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke in the first days of his presidency of the “confidence

and courage” needed to fix the U.S. economy. “Together we cannot fail,” he declared. Ronald Reagan reminded people that America has always seen itself as a “shining city upon a hill.”

Obama started his presidency on a somber note, describing the U.S. economy in nearly apocalyptic terms as he pushed his \$787 billion stimulus plan through Congress.

He turned the page in late February, telling a joint session of Congress and a television audience of millions: “We will rebuild. We will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before.”

For some people, including a minority of Republicans, the message has struck a chord. Others say their newfound optimism has nothing to do with Obama, but rather with an era of personal responsibility they believe has come with the economic meltdown.

“I think people are beginning to turn in that direction and realize that there's not always going to be somebody to catch them when things fall down,” Hageman said.

The AP-GfK poll suggests that 64 percent of the public approves of Obama's job performance,



This April 22, 2009 file photo shows President Barack Obama on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. For the first time in years, more Americans than not say the country is headed in the right direction, a sign that Obama has used the first 100 days of his presidency to lift the public's mood and inspire hopes for a brighter future.

Associated Press

down slightly from 67 percent in February. President George W. Bush's approval ratings hovered in the high 50s after his first 100 days in office.

Most Americans say Obama is changing things at about the right speed. But nearly a third say he's trying to change too many things

too quickly.

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# GOP chief: Sebelius must answer abortion questions



In this April 2, 2009 file photo, Health and Human Services Secretary-designate, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Sebelius won a divided Senate's approval Tuesday, April 21, 2009, to be confirmed as secretary of health and human services in the Obama administration. Associated Press

By ERICA WERNER  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — The head of the Republican Party called on President Barack Obama to withdraw Kathleen Sebelius' nomination as health secretary unless she answers more questions on abortion. Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said Thursday that Sebelius, the Democratic governor of Kansas, has not been forthcoming about her ties to a Kansas abortion doctor, George Tiller. "Significant questions remain about Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' evolving relationship with a late-term abortion doctor as well as about her position on the practice of late-term abortions," Steele said in a

statement. "If Gov. Sebelius and the Obama administration are unwilling to answer these questions, President Obama should withdraw her nomination." The White House declined to comment. A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., dismissed Steele's complaints. "This is nothing more than a baseless attack from someone desperate to stake a claim as the leader of the leaderless Republicans and get right with the right-wing of his party," said Reid spokesman Jim Manley. Steele's statement came as Republicans blocked immediate action on Sebelius' confirmation in the Senate, likely pushing a final vote

to next week at earliest. Supporters had hoped for faster action, but Democrats remain confident they have enough votes to get Sebelius confirmed. Sebelius was approved by the Senate Finance Committee this week with just two of 10 GOP votes. Several Republicans, including the top committee Republican Chuck Grassley of Iowa, raised concerns about her initial failure to disclose to senators how much campaign money she got from Tiller. When the discrepancy became public Sebelius acknowledged getting an additional \$23,000 from Tiller and his abortion clinic beyond the \$12,450 she initially reported. She apologized and said it was an inadvertent error. That happened after Sebelius

breezed through her Finance Committee confirmation hearing early this month without a single senator raising the topic of abortion. Republicans had some cover on the issue because Sebelius was supported by both her home-state GOP senators, including Sen. Sam Brownback, a strong abortion opponent. But since then opposition from anti-abortion activists — and pressure on Republican senators — has grown. Sebelius told the Finance Committee that she personally opposes abortion, but she also has a long record in Kansas politics of supporting abortion rights. She's repeatedly vetoed legislation sought by anti-abortion groups to impose more regulations on abortion

clinics and rewrite the state's restrictions on late-term abortions. Just Thursday, in fact, Sebelius vetoed a closely watched measure that would have required doctors performing late-term abortions to report additional information to the state. She questioned whether the bill could withstand a court challenge and suggested some provisions could lead to "intimidation" of health care providers. Steele, meanwhile, has had problems of his own on abortion as he's sought to firm up his conservative bona fides since becoming GOP chairman earlier this year. Last month he insisted he was "pro-life" after a magazine quoted him as saying abortion was "an individual choice."

## Credit card Continued from front page

Both the House and the Senate are pursuing bills to give consumers greater protections as an expansion of new rules slated to take effect next year. Obama said his economic advisers will examine the various proposals and work with Congress and the industry, but he made clear he wants to sign a bill into law. "The days of any time, any reason rate hikes and late fee traps have to end," Obama said. At issue is how to protect consumers, particularly in a deep recession, while not imposing the kind of rules that could make it harder for banks to offer credit or put credit out of reach for many



borrowers. Industry executives left the White House without talking to reporters. Later, one of the participants, American Bankers Association president Edward Yingling, said the executives listened to Obama's concerns and "agreed to work with the administration to address them." In a statement on behalf of the executives, he said consumer protection must be balanced with "ensuring that credit remains available to consumers and small businesses at a reasonable cost." The credit-card executives made the case in the meeting that the sweeping rules already ordered by the Federal Reserve, due to take effect next year, address many of the concerns held by the president and Congress. "He disagreed with that case and believed that more needed to happen," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said of Obama. So Obama outlined the principles for any legislation: Protections

so that consumers won't face sudden, surprising jumps in fees; requirements that companies publish their forms in plain-spoken language, with no more fine print; the availability of customer-friendly comparison shopping on credit-card offers; and greater enforcement so that violators feel the full weight of the law. The president made no mention of the responsibility of consumers to keep themselves from getting overextended. As one possibility, Obama said it may help if all credit-card issuers offer a basic, "plain-vanilla" card as a default option for consumers. The president also acknowledged the importance of credit cards; almost 80 percent of U.S. households have one. Credit cards often serve as a vital source of liquidity, both for individuals and small businesses. Credit-card debt has increased by 25 percent in the past 10 years, reaching \$963 billion by January, according to figures released by the White House.

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# Biggest wildfire in decades threatens Myrtle Beach

BRUCE SMITH  
Associated Press Writer

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina (AP) — South Carolina's biggest wildfire in more than three decades — a blaze 4 miles wide — destroyed dozens of homes Thursday and threatened some of the area's world-famous golf courses at the height of the spring tourist season.

The flames, fed by tinder-dry brush, forced hundreds of people to flee, and some took shelter in the House of Blues honkytonk.

The fire approached Route 17, the main coastal road that links beachfront towns and is lined with fast-food restaurants, beachwear stores and trinket shops. By Thursday evening, the flames were about 3 miles west of the highway.

The blaze scorched about 23 square miles over the past two days and then veered north, heading away from the high-rise hotels that line Myrtle Beach.

There were no reports of injuries, and authorities said they had not determined what sparked the flames.

Fueled by dry underbrush and highly combustible swamp peat, the blaze destroyed about 70 homes

and damaged 100 others. The flames forced authorities to evacuate 2,500 people.

Much of the damage was concentrated at Barefoot Landing, a sprawling complex of houses, condominiums and golf courses separated from the main route through Myrtle Beach by the Intracoastal Waterway.

"The house is completely gone," said Rachel Plaga, a 38-year-old nurse, who later began sobbing. "It was like Armageddon back there. There was nothing. Everything was gone. My whole life. My kid's whole life. It was horrific."

Another woman who broke down in tears had to be helped to a seat by a Red Cross worker.

After they were evacuated, some 200 residents spent the rest of the day in and around the nearby House of Blues, where officials gave them updates. Hours later, they were ushered inside to watch a video of the fire damage because they were not yet allowed to return to their homes.

Just a few miles south along the coast, people were unaffected. Golfers kept their tee times and tourists spread out on the beaches.

Hotel managers, who offered vouchers to the evacuees, said they could not even smell the smoke.

The fire started several miles inland Wednesday, near subdivisions and golf courses that have been carved from forest and swamps over decades. On Thursday, state forestry officials said they issued two citations to someone for starting a fire that got out of control, but it was unclear whether that person had started the massive blaze.



A house lies in ruins on Thursday afternoon April 23, 2009, in the Barefoot Resort community in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. South Carolina's biggest wildfire in more than three decades a blaze four miles wide destroyed dozens of homes Thursday and threatened some of the area's world-famous golf courses at the height of the spring tourist season.  
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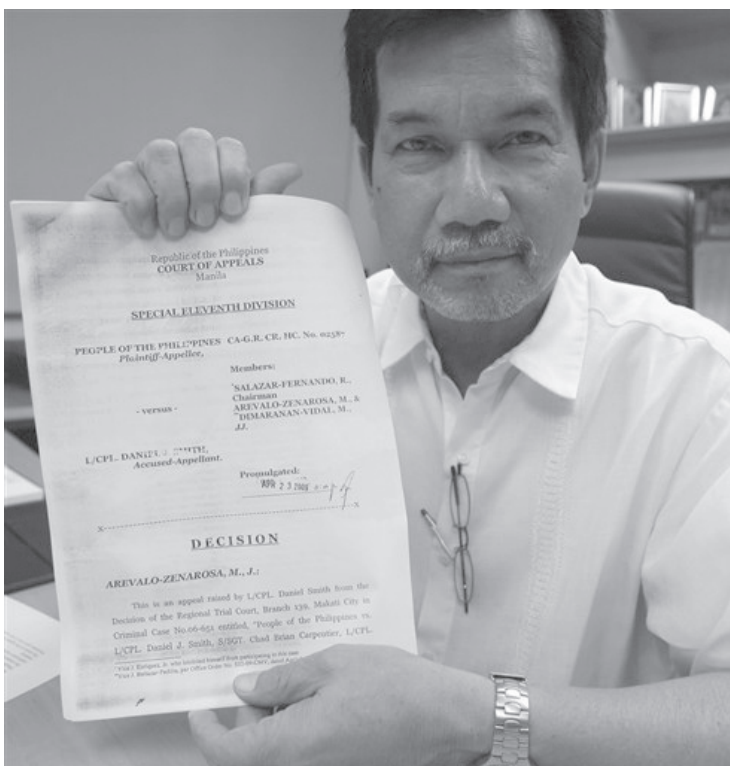


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We are outraged,” said Renato Reyes of the prominent left-wing group Bayan. The woman accused Smith of raping her in a van in the presence of other Marines, after the two met in a bar at the former U.S. Subic Bay Naval base in 2005, while Smith was on leave after taking part in military exercises. The Philippine Senate in 1991 voted to close down two main U.S. bases in the Philippines — Subic and Clark Air Base. Eight years later, Manila and Washington signed the Visiting Forces Agreement that allows U.S. forces to conduct war exercises in the Philippines, an American colony from 1898 to 1946, and provide counterterrorism training for Filipino soldiers battling al-Qaida-linked militants in the volatile south. During a dramatic yearlong trial at a suburban metropolitan Manila court, the woman



Jose Justiniano, lawyer of Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith, shows the front page copy of a decision by the Philippine Court of Appeals inside his office in suburban Manila, Philippines on Thursday April 23, 2009. The Philippine appeals court overturned the 2006 rape conviction of Smith and ordered his immediate release, setting off condemnations from left-wing activists. Associated Press

Missouri, insisted the sex was consensual, telling the court: “I think it’s horrible what I’ve been accused of. This place has taken a year off of my life that I can never get back.” After Smith was convicted, he was initially taken to a Philippine jail, but the U.S. argued he should be kept in American custody, citing the Visiting Forces Agreement. Washington said the accord entitles any accused U.S. service member to remain in American hands until all judicial proceedings are exhausted.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo backed the U.S. position, but the Philippine Supreme Court ruled in February he should serve his sentence in a Philippine prison and asked the government to negotiate his transfer with Washington. The negotiations were under way when the appeals court ruled Thursday. “No evidence was introduced

to show force, threat and intimidation applied by the accused,” the appeals court said in its 71-page decision, which is final. It ordered the immediate release of Smith from his detention at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. Smith’s lawyer, Jose Justiniano, said his client “got the justice that he deserved.” But leftist groups condemned the decision saying it was proof of Arroyo’s subservience to the United States.

“This denial of justice can only be blamed on Mrs. Arroyo, whose subservience to the U.S. and veneration of the VFA knows no bounds,” Reyes said, referring to the Visiting Forces Agreement. Activists protesting at the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy late Thursday held up posters that read, “Smith’s acquittal, a Philippine-U.S. government connivance.”



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# Suspected Somali pirates appear in Kenyan court



Somali men suspected of piracy sit in the dock as charges against them are read out, in a court in Mombasa, Kenya, Thursday, April 23, 2009. Eleven Somali men made their first court appearance Thursday after being captured and handed over by French commandos. Kenya is prosecuting the suspected pirates under a deal with the European Union. Associated Press

KATHARINE HOURELD  
Associated Press Writer  
MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — The 11 Somali men, accused in a pirate attack on a Liberian freighter, filed slowly into the wood-paneled court. The magistrate took one look at their dingy shirts, jackets and sarongs — two were barefoot — and ordered a court official to make sure they were “dressed properly” for their next appearance. Amid proposals for an international tribunal to tackle piracy, Kenya is implementing agreements with the European Union and the United States by putting the bandits on trial, even if they are caught on the high seas by other nations and have not attacked Kenyan interests.

Thursday’s hearing was the first court appearance for the men who were tracked down by French commandos and seized April 15 from their skiffs in waters off Somalia, the lawless epicenter of the flourishing pirate industry off the Horn of Africa.

The pirate suspects had been marched off a French frigate Wednesday and handed over to authorities in this Kenyan port city.

Magistrate Catherine Mwangi adjourned their case until a bail hearing May 27. They will remain in a Mombasa jail until

then. She also demanded that officials give the men fresh clothing for their bail hearing. “I’m giving you an order that these people be dressed properly,” Mwangi told court officials.

The defendants solemnly listened to a court-provided Somali translator. At one point, one man briefly put an arm round his neighbor’s shoulder and gave him a reassuring squeeze.

Defense lawyer Francis Kadima insisted his clients were innocent fishermen detained by mistake. They had no fishing lines, nets or hooks when they were captured, but the French handed over evidence they did find: two skiffs, three grappling hooks, four rusty assault rifles, two bags of bullets and a ladder.

In courtroom next door, witnesses testified against seven other suspected pirates in matching blue overalls. German sailors captured the men last month after they reportedly attacked a German naval supply ship.

Kenya is also holding another trial involving pirate suspects handed over by Britain.

Prosecuting Somali pirates is seen by Kenya as a way to burnish its image internationally at a time when the government is facing criticism over corruption and

political violence.

A U.S. court this week brought its first piracy charges in more than a century. Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse of Somalia appeared Tuesday in New York charged with participating in an April 8 attack on the Maersk Alabama. He was charged with piracy, discharging a firearm, conspiring to commit hostage-taking and brandishing a firearm — charges that could add up to life in jail for the baby-faced, 5-foot-2 teenager. Western nations are often reluctant to try Somali suspects who may then try to claim asylum, but Kenya has a successful track record of pirate prosecutions: 10 pirates handed over by U.S. forces in 2006 are serving seven-year terms.

But experts believe the threat of prosecution is unlikely to deter young men from a life of seafaring crime as long as Somalia remains violent, poor and unstable.

“The possibility of being caught is so low and the economic incentive is so high the pirates will continue to engage in these practices. Even if they are caught, the potential for bringing legal processes against them is very low,” said Peter Chalk, a piracy expert at the U.S. Rand Corp. think tank.

Some legal experts said the

idea of an international piracy tribunal appeared to be gaining traction.

Government spokesman Alfred Mutua said Thursday that Kenya had applied to open an anti-piracy center in Mombasa.

The country’s existing anti-piracy laws have laid the groundwork for such a tribunal, strengthened by the deals with the U.S. and the EU.

But there are doubts Kenya can handle the costly and complicated task of trying cases that emerge from the exploding piracy crisis in the Indian Ocean, for the country is struggling with its own huge backlog of about 800,000 criminal and civil cases.

Chalk said the idea sounded like “Kenya trying to extract a few more foreign assistance dollars out of its primary donors.”

If a piracy tribunal was established, he pointed out, then it should deal with cases from all over the world, not just the Horn of Africa.

Few believe the courts alone will provide a solution, although most experts hail the prosecutions as an important step in fighting piracy.

Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau’s piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, said trials of pirates caught in the Malacca Strait, between Indonesia and Malaysia, were partially effective in ending piracy there but aggressive patrols were the more decisive factor.

“It is a good deterrent to show that governments are serious and that those who commit criminal activities will be punished,” he said.

In other efforts to stamp out piracy, donors at a conference in Brussels pledged more than \$250 million Thursday to improve internal security in Somalia, which has not had an effective central government since 1991. Experts believe unemployment, few options and lack of security on land drive young men into a life of seafaring crime.

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## AP IMPACT

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The AP reviewed the Iraq Body Count analysis and confirmed its conclusions by sifting the data and consulting experts. The AP also interviewed experts involved with previous studies, prominent Iraq analysts and provincial and medical officials to determine that the new tally was credible.

The AP also added its own tabulation of deaths since Feb. 28, the last date in the Health Ministry count.

The three figures add up to more than 110,600 Iraqis who have died in the war.

That total generally coincides with the trends reported by reputable surveys, which have been compiled either by tallying deaths reported by international journalists, or by surveying samplings of Iraqi households and extrapolating the numbers.

Iraq Body Count's estimate of deaths since the start of the war, excluding police and soldiers, is a range — between 91,466 and 99,861.

The numbers show just how traumatic the war has been for Iraq. In a nation of 29 million people, the deaths represent 0.38 percent of the population. Proportionally, that would be like the United States losing 1.2 million people to violence in the four-year period; about 17,000 people are murdered every year in the U.S.

Security has improved since the worst years, but almost every person in Iraq has been touched by the violence.

"We have lost everything," said Badriya Abbas Jabbar, 54. A 2007 truck bombing targeting a market near her Baghdad home killed three granddaughters, a son and a niece.

North of the capital in the city of Baqouba, a mother shrouded in black calls to her three sons from her doorstep. She calls out as if they were alive, but they were killed in April 2007, when Shiite Muslim militiamen barged into their auto parts store and gunned them down because they were Sunni.

The Health Ministry figures indicate such violence was tremendously deadly. Of the 87,215 deaths, 59,957 came in 2006 and 2007, when sectarian attacks soared and death squads roamed the streets. The period was marked by catastrophic bombings and execution-style killings.

Quantifying the loss has always been difficult. Records were not always compiled centrally, and the brutal insurgency sharply limited on-the-scene reporting. The U.S. military never shared



**U.S. army soldiers stand next to a car damaged by a bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, April 23, 2009. A suicide bomber blew himself up among a group of Iraqis collecting humanitarian aid Thursday in a mainly Shiite area in Baghdad, killing at least 22 people, the Iraqi military said.**

**Associated Press**

its data.

The Health Ministry was always at the forefront of counting deaths. Under Saddam Hussein, it compiled casualty figures even as U.S. troops closed in on Baghdad, though it later abandoned that effort. It has started up again in fits, and finally began reliable record-keeping at the start of 2005.

Those data were provided to the AP in the form of a two-page computer printout listing yearly totals for death certificates issued for violent deaths by hospitals and morgues between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2009.

The ministry does not have figures for the first two years of the war because it was devastated in the aftermath of the invasion, the official said.

Experts said the count constitutes an important baseline, albeit an incomplete one. Richard Brennan, who has done mortality research in Congo and Kosovo, said it is likely a "gross underestimate" because many deaths go unrecorded in war zones.

The Iraqi Body Count numbers are likely even more incomplete, given that many killings occurred in incidents journalists were unaware of or in inaccessible areas.

Mass graves have been turning up as improved security allows patrols in formerly off-limits areas, but how many remain will never be known.

The death toll in Iraq has been a hotly disputed subject because of the high political stakes in a war opposed by many countries and by a large portion of the American public. Critics on each side accuse the other of manipulating the death numbers to sway opinion.

While the Pentagon maintains meticulous records of the number of American troops killed — at least 4,275 as of Thursday — it does not publicly release comprehensive Iraqi casualty figures. American units around the country do compile figures, drawing them mostly from the Iraqi military. They are not released publicly but are used to determine trends, according to Lt. Col. Mark Ballesteros, a U.S. spokesman in Baghdad.

The AP has filed Freedom of Information Act requests since 2005 seeking that data, but has not received it.

The U.S. policy to not fully address civilian deaths has drawn heavy criticism from human rights groups.

"We believe that all warring parties have a duty to keep information on casualties," said Sarah Leah Whitson of Human Rights Watch in New York. "It's one of many factors one needs to analyze compliance with international humanitarian law." The AP has tried since the first days of the war to understand how many Iraqis were being killed.

In 2003, AP journalists traveled

across Iraq to search hospital records for civilian deaths during the first chaotic month of the invasion. They found that at least 3,240 civilians died that month, including 1,896 in Baghdad, but acknowledged that number was a fraction of the total because record-keeping often fell victim to the bloodshed.

Beginning in May 2005, the AP has tracked war-related casualties as reported by police, hospital and government officials, mosque workers and verifiable witness accounts, breaking down the victims into civilians, soldiers and police. That tally has reached 46,065, including 37,205 civilians, but also underrepresents the true casualty number because many killings go unreported, especially in more remote areas. Those numbers rose significantly on Thursday with two suicide attacks that killed dozens of people.

There are other clues to the death toll, such as the number of people buried at the main Shiite cemetery in the holy city of Najaf. But even there, the deaths are limited mostly to Shiites and include natural as well as violent causes, so they cannot be considered definitive.

The director of the cemetery's statistics office, Ammar al-Ithari, said the number of burials jumped from just over 32,000 in 2004 and 2005 to nearly 50,000

in 2006 and 54,000 in 2007. It fell to nearly 40,000 last year, as violence declined. There are no statistics from before the war because records were destroyed in the fighting.

The Iraqi official who provided the Health Ministry figures expressed confidence in its count. He said local authorities consistently reported on violence throughout the war, and that the ministry accurately compiled their reports.

He also defended death certificates as an instrument, because relatives need them to bury a body in most cemeteries, as well as for inheritance and compensation purposes.

He acknowledged some slain insurgents could be included in the count but said he believed that number was low because few insurgents went to hospitals for treatment out of fear of detection, and many insurgent groups buried their own fighters without getting death certificates.

Some experts say casualty tallies based on media reports are inaccurate, because too many deaths go unreported. Some favor cluster surveys, in which conclusions are drawn from a select sampling of households.



# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### NHL Playoffs

## Lundqvist saves 38, Rangers lead series 3-1

NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist made 38 saves as the New York Rangers put the favored Washington Capitals on the brink of elimination from the NHL playoffs with a 2-1 victory on Wednesday. Lundqvist, who had a 1-0 win in Game 2, was on top of his game all night as the Capitals controlled play from the second period to the end — outshooting New York 39-21. But it's the Rangers who hold a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Paul Mara staked the Rangers to the lead with 6:05 left in the first period, scoring just the second goal against Simeon Varlamov, the Russian rookie who has stopped 75 of 78 shots since taking over for Jose Theodore after New York's 4-3 win in Game 1.

Chris Drury added his first goal of the series for the seventh-seeded Rangers.

Varlamov got Washington back into the series with a 4-0 win on Monday but now the Capitals — the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference — could be out of the playoffs on Friday when they host Game 5.

Alex Ovechkin scored for Washington early in the third period.

Bruins 4, Canadiens 1

At Montreal, former Montreal forward Michael Ryder scored twice and assisted on David Krejci's goal to help Boston complete a four-game sweep. Tim Thomas made 26 saves, and Phil Kessel also scored in Boston's first series victory in 10 years. The top-seeded Bruins had lost five straight series — falling to Montreal in 2002, '04 and '08 — since beating Carolina in the first round in 1999.

Andrei Kostitsyn scored for Montreal. The Canadiens



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist blocks a shot in the second period against the Washington Capitals during Game 4 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Rangers won 2-1.

Associated Press

completed their 100th season with eight straight losses, including their last four regular-season games.

Flames 6, Blackhawks 4

At Calgary, Alberta, Eric Nystrom scored off a rebound with 6:56 remaining as Calgary to beat Chicago and even the best-of-seven series 2-2.

Nystrom also had two assists, Olli Jokinen scored the first two goals of his playoff career, Jarome Iginla completed a two-goal game with an empty-netter, and Adrian Aucoin added a goal for the Flames, 4-2 winners Monday night at home after dropping the first two games in Chicago.

Patrick Kane, Kris Versteeg, Cam Barker and Samuel Pahlsson scored for Chicago. Game 5 is Saturday night in Chicago.

### AP Newsbreak:

## Pharmacy made mistake in horse drug

BRIAN SKOLOFF

Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — An official at a Florida pharmacy said Thursday the business incorrectly prepared a supplement given to 21 polo horses that died over the weekend while preparing to play in a championship match.

Jennifer Beckett of Franck's Pharmacy in Ocala, Fla., told The Associated Press in a statement that the business conducted an internal investigation that found "the strength of an ingredient in the medication was incorrect." The statement did not say what the ingredient was.

Beckett, who's the pharmacy's chief operating officer, said the pharmacy is cooperating with an investigation by state authorities and the Food and Drug Administration.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned Lechuza polo team began crumpling to the ground shortly before Sunday's U.S. Open match was supposed to begin, shocking a crowd of well-heeled spectators at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington.

"On an order from a veterinarian, Franck's Pharmacy prepared medication that was used to treat the 21 horses on the Lechuza Polo team," Beckett said. "As soon as we learned of the tragic incident, we conducted an internal investigation."

She said the report has been given to state authorities.

Lechuza also issued a statement to AP acknowledging that a



This Sunday, April 20, 2009 photo shows people holding tarps to shield collapsed horses of the Lechuza Polo team as they are worked on at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington, Fla.

Associated Press

Florida veterinarian wrote the prescription for the pharmacy to create a compound similar to Biodyl, a French-made

supplement that includes vitamins and minerals and is not approved for use in the United States.



## AL Roundup

# Cabrera's HR ends first Yankee Stadium homestand



New York Yankees' Melky Cabrera, right, follows through on a two-run home run as Oakland Athletics catcher Kurt Suzuki, left, looks on during the 14th inning of a baseball game Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in New York. The Yankees won the game 9-7. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Melky Cabrera ended a home run-filled opening homestand at new Yankee Stadium with a two-run drive in the 14th inning to give New York a 9-7 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday. The Yankees overcame another shaky outing from CC Sabathia on a rainy afternoon that featured five more home runs. But after Oakland tied the score in the seventh, what had been a \$1.5 billion hitters' haven turned into a pitchers' park until Cabrera's second drive of the game off Dan Giese (0-2). Nick Swisher walked to start the inning. Hideki Matsui and Derek Jeter also homered in the longest game of the season by innings and time (4 hours, 57

minutes). A record 26 homers were hit on the opening homestand, one more than the previous mark for a major league venue established at Kansas City's Municipal Stadium in 1955, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Kurt Suzuki put the A's ahead with a three-run homer in the second. Royals 2, Indians 0 At Cleveland, Brian Bannister and two relievers outpitched reigning American League Cy Young pitching award winner Cliff Lee as Kansas City beat the Indians. Lee (1-3) allowed two runs and nine hits over eight innings, but matched his loss total of last season. A year ago, the left-hander went 5-0 against

the Royals on the way to a 22-3 record and 2.54 ERA. Bannister (1-0), recalled from Triple-A Omaha on Tuesday, improved to 4-1 with a 1.62 ERA in six career starts against Cleveland. The right-hander allowed four hits and walked only one in six innings. White Sox 8, Orioles 2 At Baltimore, Jim Thome hit his 545th career homer to back a superb pitching performance by John Danks as Chicago trounced Baltimore. Danks (2-0) allowed one run, four hits and no walks in seven innings. The left-hander has given up only two runs in 19 innings this season, both on solo homers. Thome's opposite-field solo shot to left put the White Sox up 4-0 in the third. It was Thome's fourth homer of the season, and it put the 38-year-old slugger within three of 13th-place Mike Schmidt on the career list. Jeremy Guthrie (2-1) gave up five runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. Red Sox 10, Twins 1, 7 innings, 1st game Red Sox 7, Twins 3, 2nd game At Boston, Brad Penny pitched six solid innings after Tim Wakefield won a rain-shortened complete game as Boston Red Sox swept a doubleheader with Minnesota. Wakefield (2-1) tossed a five-hitter for his second consecutive complete game in the opener, a victory that was called after seven innings because of rain. Kevin Youkilis, Nick Green and Mike Lowell each hit a two-run homer. Penny (2-0) allowed two earned runs in the finale of the day-night doubleheader as the Red Sox extended their winning streak to seven games after a 2-6 start. Jeff Bailey hit a three-run homer and David Ortiz had a two-run double against Francisco Liriano (0-4). In the opener, Scott Baker (0-2) gave up a two-run homer in each of the first three innings and the Red Sox added four runs in the seventh before the tarp came out.

## NL Roundup

# LaRoche-led Pirates win 7-4, sweep Marlins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Adam LaRoche had four hits and little brother Andy drove in a pair of runs in leading the Pirates over the Florida Marlins 7-4 and a three-game sweep in the National League on Wednesday. Florida began the series with an 11-1 record, a seven-game winning streak and a 6-0 road record, only to be outscored 18-6 while being swept in a three-game series by Pittsburgh for the first time since 2005.

Seven Pirates had at least one hit each, including starting pitcher Paul Maholm (3-0). Adam LaRoche went 4-for-5 with three doubles.

### Diamondbacks 2, Rockies 0

At Phoenix, Dan Haren pitched seven sharp innings and Ryan Roberts' pinch-hit single broke a scoreless tie for Arizona. Haren and Colorado's Jorge De La Rosa (0-2) matched shutout innings until the seventh, when Chris Young singled, went to second on Chris Snyder's single and scored on Roberts' single.

Arizona went up 2-0 when reliever Jason Grilli issued a bases-loaded walk to Conor Jackson on a 3-2 pitch with two outs. Haren (1-3) lowered his ERA to 1.38. He allowed six hits and two walks, striking out nine.

### Giants 1, Padres 0, 10 innings

At San Francisco, Bengie Molina's pinch-hit double with two outs in the 10th inning drove in Andres Torres to give San Francisco the win before 26,593, its smallest crowd since moving into AT&T Park in 2000.

Torres hit a one-out single off Edwin Moreno (0-2) and stole second. After Eugenio Velez struck out, Moreno intentionally walked Fred Lewis before Molina hit a ground-rule double that bounced over the wall in left-center. The Giants finished 4-1 on their homestand after losing six straight on the road.

### Brewers 3, Phillies 1



Pittsburgh Pirates' Freddy Sanchez, left, slides past Florida Marlins catcher Ronnie Paulino to score on a third-inning single by Pirates' Nate McLouth during a baseball game in Pittsburgh Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Associated Press

At Philadelphia, Braden Loper pitched six scoreless innings and Mike Cameron hit a two-run double as Milwaukee beat Philadelphia.

J.J. Hardy had a solo homer for the Brewers, who snapped a six-game losing streak against the Phillies in the regular season. Philadelphia beat Milwaukee 3-1 in a playoff series last year.

Looper (2-0) allowed five hits and walked two.

Phillies starter Joe Blanton (0-2) gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings. He has lost two straight outings after going unbeaten in his first 17 starts with Philadelphia.

### Braves 1, Nationals 0

At Washington, Kelly Johnson drew a bases-loaded walk from Mike Hinckley in the ninth inning, lifting Atlanta over Washington.

The Nationals, who took the first two games of the three-game series, dropped to 3-11 — the worst record in the majors.

The game was scoreless through eight, with Jair Jurrjens pitching 7 2-3 innings for Atlanta and John Lannan seven for Washington.



*NBA Playoff*

# Magic hold off Sixers in Game 2 to even series

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — The Orlando Magic blew another 18-point lead before beating the Philadelphia 76ers 96-87 to even their NBA playoff series at 1-1 on Wednesday. Rookie Courtney Lee had 24 points, Hedo Turkoglu scored 16, Dwight Howard had 11 points and 10 rebounds but fouled out late, and Rashard Lewis made a pair of big jumpers in the final minutes to help Orlando get its fourth win in five chances against Philadelphia this season.

Andre Miller had 30 points, and Andre Iguodala scored 20 of his 21 points in the second half for the Sixers, who closed the gap to five points and almost erased the same deficit they faced in the series opener. Game 3 is on Friday in Philadelphia.

## Heat 108, Hawks 93

At Atlanta, Dwyane Wade scored 33 points, 13 straight to close the first half before he banked in a 3-pointer with 2 1/2 minutes left to finish off Atlanta in a victory that helped Miami even the series at 1-1 before it headed to south Florida.

After scoring only 19 points to open the best-of-seven series Sunday in a 90-64 blowout, Wade eclipsed his point total by halftime.

The Hawks should have known this wouldn't be their night when "Spirit," an actual hawk that flies down from the rafters during the pre-game introductions, decided to hang around for the start of the game. The game had to be halted for a couple of minutes when the fierce-looking bird landed on the top of the backboard; he finally flew to his handler and was led out of the building.

Mike Bibby led the Hawks with 18 points, but the home

team shot only 44 percent from the field and struggled at the foul line, making 19-of-30.

## Nuggets 108, Hornets 93

At Denver, Chauncey Billups scored 31 points to lead Denver to another blowout of New Orleans.

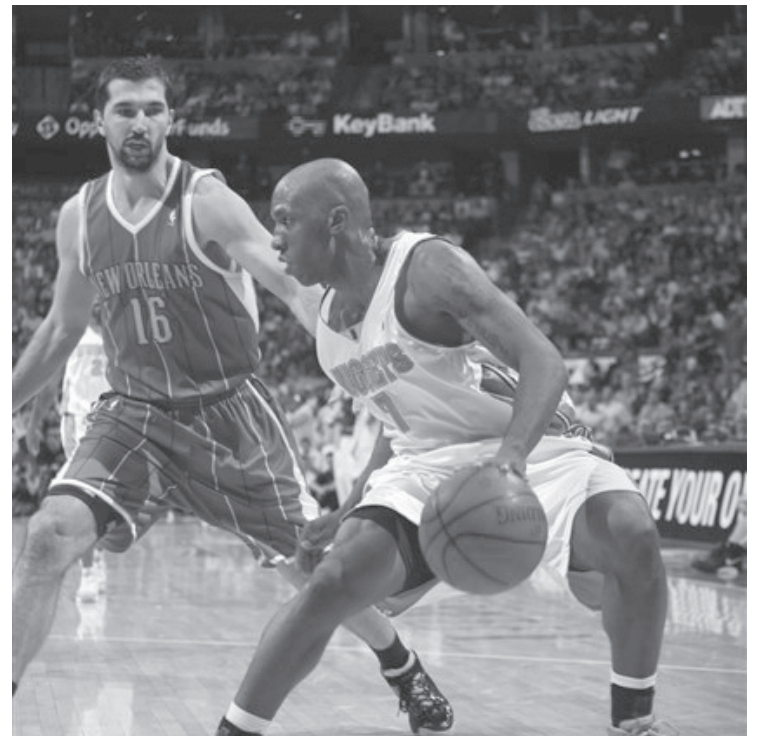
The best-of-seven series shifts to New Orleans for Game 3 on Saturday night with the Nuggets holding just the third 2-0 edge in their 33-year NBA history.

This is the first time the

Nuggets have won the first two games of a playoff series since 1985, when they took care of Utah in five games in the Western Conference semifinals.

Carmelo Anthony, quiet in Game 1 with just 13 points on 4-of-12 shooting, scored 22 points and dished out nine assists. J.R. Smith added 15 points.

The Hornets, losers of eight of their last 10 games, were led by David West's 21 points.



Denver Nuggets guard Chauncey Billups, front, works the ball inside against New Orleans Hornets forward Peja Stojakovic, of Serbia, in the fourth quarter of the Nuggets' 108-93 victory in Game 2 of the teams' NBA first-round playoff basketball game in Denver on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Associated Press

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## Falcons acquire TE Tony Gonzalez from Chiefs



In this Dec. 7, 2008 file photo, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez looks for room to run after hauling in a pass against the Denver Broncos in the second quarter of an NFL football game in Denver. The Atlanta Falcons obtained tight end Tony Gonzalez from the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday, April 23, 2009, for a draft pick next year. The Falcons will send a second-round pick in 2010 to Kansas City in exchange for Gonzalez, the only tight end in NFL history selected to 10 Pro Bowls, the Chiefs announced. Associated Press

CHARLES ODUM

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons obtained tight end Tony Gonzalez from the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday for a draft pick next year.

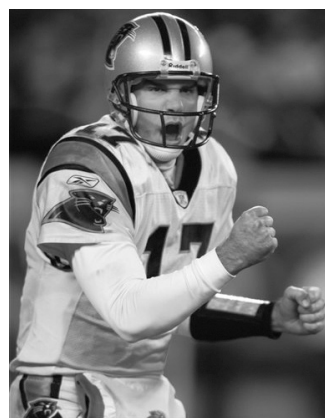
The Falcons will send a second-round pick in 2010 to Kansas City in exchange for Gonzalez, the only tight end in NFL history selected to 10 Pro Bowls, the Chiefs announced.

Gonzalez caught 96 passes for 1,058 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2008. He owns NFL career records for tight ends with 916 receptions, 10,940 yards receiving, 76 touchdowns receiving and 26 100-yard receiving games.

Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt called Gonzalez "one of the finest players in Chiefs history."

A person with knowledge of the negotiations said the Falcons have reached agreement with Gonzalez on a new contract.

## Panthers extend quarterback Delhomme through 2014



In this Dec. 4, 2006 file photo, Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme reacts after he threw to DeAngelo Williams for a touchdown in the third quarter of their football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia. Associated Press

MIKE CRANSTON

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — The Carolina Panthers signed Jake Delhomme to a five-year, \$42.5 million extension on Thursday that keeps their quarterback under contract through the 2014 NFL

season.

The deal includes \$20 million in guaranteed money and clears much needed salary-cap space for Carolina. Delhomme was to count for more than \$10 million under the cap next season in the final year of his deal.

"It's all about being able to know that I can finish my career here in Carolina," Delhomme said. "That's what I've wanted, all I've ever wanted."

The extension comes just over three months after the 34-year-old Delhomme had the worst game of his career, throwing five interceptions and losing a fumble in Carolina's 33-13 loss to Arizona in the NFC divisional playoffs.

"Nobody was more disappointed than I was for not putting my team in a position to win," Delhomme said. "That's something I've always tried to pride myself on. ... Why it happened I don't know. But it did and certainly things weren't good for a while."

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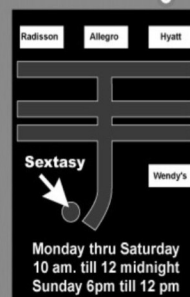


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# Interpol emite orden de captura contra líder opositor Venezuela



El opositor venezolano, Manuel Rosales, habla con la prensa en Lima 22 abr 2009. La Interpol emitió una orden de captura internacional contra el opositor venezolano Manuel Rosales, quien solicitó esta semana asilo en Perú tras rechazar acudir a una corte en su país que evalúa enjuiciarlo por corrupción, informó la policía local. REUTERS/Mariana Bazo

CARACAS (Reuters) - La Interpol emitió una orden de captura internacional contra el opositor venezolano Manuel Rosales, quien solicitó esta semana asilo en Perú tras rechazar acudir a una corte en su país que evalúa enjuiciarlo por corrupción, informó el jueves la policía local. El dirigente, alcalde de la occidental ciudad de Maracaibo y quien enfrentó a Hugo Chávez en las elecciones presidenciales del 2006, estaba clandestino desde marzo tras denunciar que el mandatario manipula la causa en su contra, levantada por la Fiscalía por presunto enriquecimiento ilícito. “Se está trabajando (...)”

inmediatamente sobre la difusión roja, que es la máxima alerta que se tiene para estos ciudadanos que se encuentran prófugos de la justicia”, dijo en conferencia de prensa Wilmer Flores, director de la policía científica.

Una corte venezolana dictó el miércoles una medida privativa de libertad contra el político, además de solicitar a la Interpol su arresto por considerar que era un hecho notorio que Rosales no deseaba presentarse ante la justicia.

Rosales, quien afirma ser inocente y califica la investigación como un intento de silenciarlo políticamente, se encuentra en Lima en espera de que ese Gobierno estudie su solicitud de asilo político.

La cancillería peruana dijo que el trámite de evaluación del caso sería rápido, mientras Caracas considera que el pedido no sería procedente ya que a Rosales se le juzgaría por un delito común y no político.

La Fiscalía acusa al opositor de no poder justificar unos 60.000 dólares de su declaración jurada de patrimonio del período 2002-2004, cuando era gobernador del petrolero estado Zulia. El delito contempla pena de 3 a 10 años de cárcel.

Rosales denunció que las acciones en su contra forman parte de una ola de ataques contra adversarios de Chávez, mientras el gobernante busca sortear el impacto de la crisis económica global.

En tanto, el oficialista ex alcalde mayor de Caracas, Juan Barreto, fue citado el miércoles como imputado en un caso de corrupción. También fue emitida una orden de captura internacional contra el ex gobernador del estado Guárico, Eduardo Manuitt, ex aliado de Chávez. Opositores han dicho que esas medidas servirán a Chávez para negar que existe una persecución contra sus adversarios políticos.

## Defensa de Fujimori inicia recurso para anular condena en Perú

LIMA (Reuters) - El abogado del ex presidente peruano Alberto Fujimori presentó el jueves los argumentos de un recurso legal en busca de anular la condena de 25 años que recibió su cliente, aunque afirmó que ve muy “difícil” que la Justicia local absuelva a su defendido. Fujimori fue sentenciado el 7 de abril bajo la modalidad de “autor mediato” o ejercer dominio sobre un escuadrón militar llamado Colina, que dio muerte a muchas personas por supuestamente pertenecer a la guerrilla de Sendero Luminoso.

El ex mandatario, que gobernó este país con mano dura entre 1990 y el 2000, ha negado los cargos en su contra. “Nosotros en este recurso estamos apuntando principalmente que se anule la sentencia condenatoria y que alternativamente se absuelva al presidente Fujimori”, dijo a periodistas el defensor del ex mandatario, César Nakazaki.

El abogado afirmó que evaluará recusar al panel de jueces que verán el caso de Fujimori en un tribunal especial, alegando que los magistrados dijeron públicamente hace unos días que estaban de acuerdo con la sentencia condenatoria.

“Estamos pidiendo su absolución respecto de los cargos de secuestro porque no se ha demostrado el secuestro agravado o el trato cruel (en el caso), lo cual evidencia que tras esta sentencia había una clara decisión de prolongar el encierro del presidente Fujimori”, afirmó Nakazaki.

“Pero más allá de los causales que son múltiples, somos muy claros de algo: el Poder Judicial difícilmente le va hacer justicia al presidente Fujimori”, agregó el abogado.



En la fotografía, Fujimori cuando fue sentenciado en Lima el pasado 7 de abril del 2009. REUTERS/Francisco Medina

El ex presidente Fujimori, que ya tiene una condena de seis años de prisión por abuso de poder, tendrá que enfrentarse desde el 11 de mayo a otros procesos por corrupción. Fujimori se refugió casi cinco años en Tokio desde el 2000 amparado en su doble nacionalidad peruano-japonesa. Luego, en el 2005, viajó sorpresivamente a Chile donde permaneció hasta septiembre del 2007, cuando fue extraditado a Perú.

## Camioneros Colombia en huelga esperan acuerdo

BOGOTÁ (Reuters) - Los camioneros de Colombia dijeron el jueves que esperan llegar a un acuerdo con el Gobierno el fin de semana para levantar una huelga que amenaza con afectar las exportaciones de café.

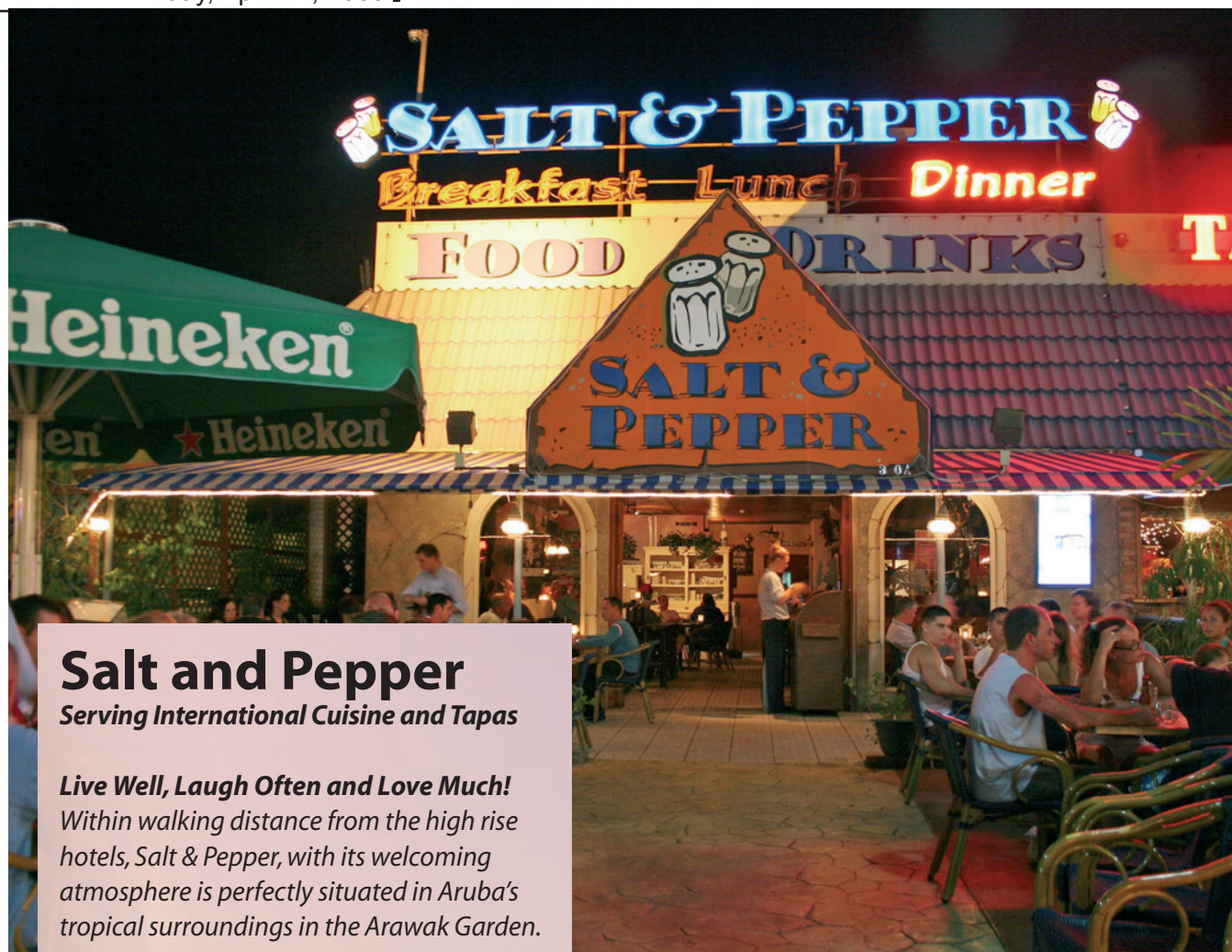
El café comenzó a almacenarse en las fincas de la región productora del centro del país mientras más de 150.000 vehículos de carga se encuentran estacionados a lo largo del país y los camioneros exigen una reducción en el costo de los combustibles y otras concesiones gubernamentales.

“Si podemos llegar a un acuerdo este fin de semana, levantaremos la huelga y las exportaciones de café no serán afectadas. Es lo que nosotros esperamos”, dijo a Reuters el presidente de la Asociación Colombiana de Camioneros (ACC), Jorge García. La Asociación de Exportadores de Café de Colombia (Asoexport) teme que los embarques del grano se hagan más lentos si la huelga no se levanta a mediados de la próxima semana.

El Gobierno decretó, a partir de mayo, una reducción en los precios de la gasolina y el diésel de 400 pesos por galón, pero los camioneros no están satisfechos y exigen un recorte de 1.500 pesos.

Adicionalmente, la ACC acusa al Gobierno del presidente Alvaro Uribe de ignorar pactos firmados para levantar huelgas anteriores, como el cumplimiento de una tabla de tarifas de transporte de carga.





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Within walking distance from the high rise hotels, Salt & Pepper, with its welcoming atmosphere is perfectly situated in Aruba's tropical surroundings in the Arawak Garden.

Featuring a lengthy list of menu choices, Salt & Pepper has something for everyone and every taste. Enjoy Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in an ideal setting for both indoor and lively outdoor dining in a relaxed atmosphere.

In Salt & Pepper's Kitchen the Chefs aim to please, cooking up everything from Fresh Fish to Pastas, Salads and Baguettes and Tasty Tapas too. Salt & Pepper is where your Burgers are always thick and juicy and you can count on Tenderloin cooked to perfection.

Salt & Pepper's friendly staff will impress you with generous hospitality as they serve you with a smile the blackboard's Daily Specials full of wonderful flavors and only fresh ingredients.

At the Salt & Pepper bar, the Service is top - rate with a wide variety of beers and ales to choose from, Tropical Potions and Wines from around the globe.

Hit up Salt & Pepper where friends meet up to enjoy great eats and drinks Live Music is offered Nightly.

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**Open Daily from 8am - 1am**

**Located at Arawak Garden**



<b>Café the Plaza</b> (at Renaissance Marketplace, Downtown) International Cuisine Phone: 583-8826 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Daily Live music. A Dutch style restaurant with moderate prices Open from 10.00 am - 01.00 am 7 days a week <a href="http://www.cafetheplaza.com">www.cafetheplaza.com</a>	<b>Tango Argentine Grill</b> (at Arawak Garden, High Rise Hotels) International Cuisine and Charcoal Grill Phone: 586-8600 Dinner and Daily Live Music. World famous Argentine beef prepared on open charcoal grill. Open from 5.00 pm - 11.00 pm 7 days a week <a href="http://www.tangoaruba.com">www.tangoaruba.com</a>	<b>Salt &amp; Pepper</b> (at Arawak Garden, High Rise Hotels) International Cuisine and Tapas Phone: 586-3280 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Daily Live music by local artists and bands on our large terrace. Open from 8.00 am - 01.00 am 7 days a week <a href="http://www.saltandpepperaruba.com">www.saltandpepperaruba.com</a>	<b>MooMba Beach</b> (between Holiday Inn & Marriott Surf Club) International Cuisine Phone: 586-5365 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Daily Live Music. Enjoy dinner by torch light... barefoot on the beach. Open from 7.00 am - 11.00 pm Bar open from 10.00 am - 01.00 am <a href="http://www.moombabeach.com">www.moombabeach.com</a>	<b>Sopranos Piano Bar</b> (at Arawak Garden, High Rise Hotels) Bar with Live Entertainment Phone: 586-8622 Extensive Cocktail menu. Daily live music, request your favorite songs and sing along! Open from 5.00 pm - 01.00 am 7 days a week <a href="http://www.sopranospianobar.com">www.sopranospianobar.com</a>	<b>Matilde Restaurant</b> (Downtown) International Cuisine AAA/4 Diamond Award Phone: 583-9200 Lunch and Dinner A refined dining experience. Restaurant open from 11.30 am - 11.00 pm 7 days a week <a href="http://www.matildearuba.com">www.matildearuba.com</a>	<b>Mambo Jambo Latin Bar &amp; Grill</b> (Royal Plaza Downtown) International & Latin Cuisine Phone: 583-3632 Lunch, Dinner, Live Bands, Salsa Dancing, Great food and good music 7 days a week. Restaurant open from 11.00 am - 09.00 pm, Bar open from 11.00 am - 04.00 am <a href="http://www.mambojamboaruba.com">www.mambojamboaruba.com</a>	<b>Hadicurari Restaurant</b> (between MooMba Beach and Marriott Surf Club) International and Seafood Cuisine Phone: 586-2288 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner 'Seafood with a view' Restaurant open from 8.00 am - 11.00 pm 7 days a week <a href="http://www.hadicurari.com">www.hadicurari.com</a>
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